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SUBJECT: U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: MESSAGE TO
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT TORRIJOS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM BUNKER AND ROGERS

1. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE TO DELIVER ORALLY TO GENERAL
TORRIJOS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY THE MESSAGE CONTAINED
IN PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW, WHICH YOU SHOULD CHARACTERIZE AS
A MESSAGE "ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY."

2. WHEN YOU HAVE FIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF THE
MESSAGE TO TORRIJOS, YOU SHOULD ADVISE US SO THAT AMBASSA-
DOR BUNKER MAY TELEPHONE TACK AT THE SAME TIME AS YOUR
INTERVIEW WITH TORRIJOS. INFORMING TACK IS IMPORTANT TO
A REINVIGORATION OF THE RAPPORT BETWEEN THE TWO NEGOTIA-
TORS.

3. CALL US AS SOON AS YOU HAVE MET WITH TORRIJOS TO ADVISE
US OF HIS RESPONSE.

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4. THE MESSAGE TO TORRIJOS IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATORS HAVE NOW COMPLETED THE CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHICH WERE REQUIRED.

(B) THE PRESIDENT, ACCORDINGLY, HAS AUTHORIZED THE NEGOTIATORS TO RESUME THEIR TASK WITH THEIR PANAMANIAN COUNTERPARTS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PLAN TO RETURN TO PANAMA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, IF THAT TIME IS ENTIRELY CONVENIENT TO PANAMA.

(C) WE PLAN NO PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE DATE OF RETURN OF THE NEGOTIATORS BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION BY PANAMA. KISSINGER

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